GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4323
ANSWERED ON:21.04.2003
COLD STORAGES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCDC provides financial assistance for setting up of cold storages in the cooperative sector;

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided by NCDC during the last three years and as on December 31, 2002;

(c) the number of cold storages set up by this assistance, State-wise;

(d) whether an expert committee set up by his Ministry has recommended to increase the capacity of cold storages in the country; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The assistance provided during the last three years is as under:

Year	Assistance provided (Rs. in lakhs)
1999-2000	1137.900
2000-2001	739.551
2001-2002	1675.721
2002-upto 31.12.2002	96.50

(c): Information about Cold Storages set up State-wise as on 31.3.2003 is given in the Annexure.

(d)&(e): An Inter-Ministrial Task Force of this Department has made recommendation for thecreation of cold storage capacity of 56.00 lakhs MTs and requisite cold chain infrastructure during the 10th Plan period. The National Horticulture Board under the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has formulated a scheme for creation of 35 lakhs MT cold storagecapacity with a capital investment subsidy of Rs.380.00 crores during the 10th Plan.

Annexure

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF COLD STORAGES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
SANCTIONED BY NCDC AS ON 31.3.2003

S.NO.	STATE	PROJECTS ASSISTED No.	Capacity (in MT)	INSTALLED No.	Capacity (in MT)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	1000	1	1000
2.	Assam	2	4000	1	1000
3.	Bihar	21	63850	21	63850
4.	Gujarat	3	3200	3	3200
5.	Haryana	4	12000	4	12000

6. HimachalPradesh 1 1000 1 1000

7 J & K 3 3400 3 3400

8. Jharkhand 1 5000 - -

9. Madhya Pradesh 25 95400 23 85400
10. Karnataka 5 7800 5 7800
11. Maharashtra 4 7000 2 1000
12 Nagaland 1 1000 1 1000
13. Orissa 21 36170 19 28670
14. Punjab 16 22300 16 22300
15. Rajasthan 3 6000 3 6000
16. Tamil Nadu 2 3750 2 3750
17. Tripur 1 2000 1 2000
18. Uttar Pradesh 96 287600 95 282600
19. West Bengal 67 238100 54 226200
20. Chandigarh 1 1000 1 1000